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LINCOLN, NEB., SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1894.

It followed as a perfectly natural sequence that a mayor of particularly effusive "reform" proclivities should veto, with unseemly haste, the ordinance that proposed to show some consideration to the public in the matter of telephone service.

It is apparent that the sentiment among the republicans of Lancaster county is overwhelmingly in favor of Allen W. Field as a candidate for congress. The announcement of his candidacy has drawn expressions of enthusiastic approval from all sides, and from the expressions in various parts of the district it seems, even at this early day, that Field will be nominated with ease.

Colonel Breckenridge, or as one contemporary derisively calls him, "the Breckenridge," in his spectacular campaign in Kentucky has failed to give one good reason why he should be returned to congress, and he has made it additionally clear to those persons who may have been in doubt, that he is most unfit for the high office he now fills. A man who, posing as a gentleman and a Christian, deliberately sinks to the lowest plane of immorality and vice, dishonoring the noble name he bears, disgracing his family, and outraging propriety and decency in a secret career of pollution; who by his own word of mouth stands condemned as a brute, devoid of conscience and honor in private life, is not a proper person to occupy a seat in congress and assist in the governing of the country. Better men for public service than those who are brutes and lepers in private life can be found, and it will be a harsh commentary on the intelligence and honor of the people of the Ashland district if they send back to Washington this gray haired scoundrel who, in his public address, seems to gloat over his sin. It is an unparalleled act of audacity and insolence that this confessed and condemned venerable reprobate should ask a renomination. Whatever consideration may have been felt for Colonel Breckenridge is destroyed by his latest exhibition of colossal effrontery.

It is a good thing when a man is a candidate to say so. A week ago THE COURIER had the honor of making the first authoritative announcement that Hon. Allen W. Field is a candidate for re-nomination for congress. Today COURIER readers are informed just as definitely that Hon. I. M. Raymond, of this city, is a candidate for governor. The announcement of Field's candidacy has been followed by a decided movement toward Field in the several counties of the district, and we believe there will be the same approval of Lancaster's candidate for governor. Mr. Raymond as a republican, as a business man, and as a citizen, is a man for whom no apologies are necessary. His record is clear and his name commands respect with all classes of voters. In executive and managerial ability he has no superior in the state; he is particularly well adapted for the discharge of the important duties incumbent upon the governor of

Nebraska. Mr. Raymond's views are sound. He could be depended upon to uphold the credit and dignity of Nebraska in the executive office; he would, we believe, make one of the best governors the state has had in a great many years. His stability commends him to the very large class that likes to see a man elevated in political life who is something more than a mere politician, while his republicanism is of the sort that is in demand just now. Mr. Raymond ought to receive the enthusiastic support of Lancaster county, and the state convention, should it place Mr. Raymond at the head of the state ticket, would be according appropriate recognition to a distinguished Nebraskan, one who would be elected with ease.

STUDENTS of the University of Nebraska have been much agitated during the past ten days over the more or less sensational disclosures involving two of their number in a dishonorable transaction. As is usual under such circumstances there was a great deal of excitement, and the students have exhibited, more impetuously it may be, about the same spirit that would be displayed under like conditions by older men. They have, perhaps, jumped at conclusions in much the same manner that men of maturer age decide important questions, and acting under the impulse of the moment, under exciting conditions, they may have been cruelly harsh or unjust, just as men often are who start out to right a wrong by passing a resolution or hanging a man to a tree. If men are only boys grown tall, boys are only miniature men. There has been nothing in the proceedings at the university in the last few days, sensational though they may have been, that might not have taken place among men of greater years. There isn't so much difference between young men and old men. Indeed, in the present instance, those persons who are disposed to criticise the students for their excitability may include the faculty as well, for the faculty exhibited quite as much perturbation as the students. That young McMullen did wrong no one will deny. It is not an honorable thing to seek to buy an oration whether one intends to deliver it as one's own, or whether one intends it for a friend for a similar discreditable purpose. But the oration whose purchase was attempted never was delivered, and McMullen's bitterest antagonists scarcely contend that the oration which he delivered and which won him first place in the state contest was not his own. To publicly brand this young man, whose character in all other respects seems to have been good, as an object of contempt, by the passage and publication of resolutions conspicuously cruel in their construction, is to put a stigma on his name that it will take years to efface. McMullen's fellow students and the faculty have, in effect, put a black mark on his forehead and tied his hands behind him and turned him adrift. There is grave reason to doubt whether his offense deserved such a punishment. We do not wish to be understood, in any sense, as excusing McMullen, but we cannot help remarking that there are many fine distinctions of honor in the field in wherein McMullen offended and was so promptly and effectively punished. How many of the students who proclaimed against McMullen with so much force and eloquence, voicing lofty and noble sentiments, were free from the offense of "ponying" at examinations and other like deceptions? And wherein is the difference, save in the magnitude of the transaction, between passing an examination with dishonest assistance, and winning an oratorical contest with an oration that may not be wholly original? And in this case, it should be remembered that McMullen did not buy; he only made advances. The oration he actually delivered was, it seems to be pretty clearly established, his own. A little more of consideration for the weaknesses that afflict us all, a little more of mercy and a little less of high handed and over hasty so-called justice might have made it possible to meet the emergency equitably without so disastrous a punishment for the offender. The faculty might have taken cognizance of the matter at the outset and by proper action have disposed of the whole question in a less sensational manner. Considering only the general effect, the course adopted will, no doubt, prove very beneficial as a preventative in the future.

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